UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

AT MARTINSBURG

JESSICA B. BOWERS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:23-cv-00119

JEFF S. SANDY,

individually and in his official capacity as the former Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, and BETSY JIVIDEN,

individually and as a former employee of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and DIDYMUS TATE,

individually and as an employee of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and JOHN/JANE DOE UNKNOWN EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, individually and as employees or agents of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Corrections and Corr

Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and ASHLEY FISHER,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and LISA BEARD,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and KELSEY SHANK,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and CHRISTIN BELL,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and BRENDA EAGLE,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and CHRISTINA WAY,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and CHELSEA MCCRORK,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and MORTICIA MARSHALL,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and BRANDY SCOTT,

individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and

ALFRED BALDERA, individually and as an employee of PrimeCare, and PRIMECARE MEDICAL, INC., and PRIMECARE MEDICAL OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.,

Defendants.

ORDER

On March 5, 2024, Plaintiff moved for leave to amend her complaint [ECF 90] in order to (1) substitute the identities of certain John/Jane Doe defendants, (2) add a spoilation of evidence count for failure to preserve evidence, and (3) present an alter ego theory for Defendants PrimeCare Medical, Inc. and PrimeCare Medical of West Virginia, Inc. [Id. at 1]. The transferor court granted in part and denied in part the motion on May 16, 2024. The order allowed Plaintiff's requested amendment to the extent sought, except as to (2) above. [ECF 102].

On June 26, 2024, Plaintiff filed the Amended Complaint [ECF 107]. It appears Plaintiff added – without authorization -- a declaratory judgment claim.

The Court ORDERS Plaintiff to show good cause in writing, no later than December 27, 2024, (1) why she added a declaratory judgment claim without leave of court, and (2) why a monetary sanction order should not issue as to Plaintiff's counsel, jointly and severally, in the minimum amount of \$5,000.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and to any unrepresented party.

> ENTER: December 17, 2024

